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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, CIA Historical Staff

SUBJECT : Status of the DDS Historical Program,
31 March 1972

General

1. During the period in review, the Support Services Historical Program continued to close the gap in the catching-up phase of the Agency historical effort. With the publication of five more histories, the DDS program has reached almost 60 percent final completion -- 46 of 77 planned histories are now available in hard cover. (See Attachment A.)

2. Of the 31 histories which are yet to be published, 27 have been completed in draft and are in review, revision, or final typing for publication. It is estimated that by 1 June 1972, all but eight to ten of the currently scheduled histories will probably have been published. By this time the programs of the Offices of Communications, Finance, Logistics, Personnel, and Training will be essentially completed, with most of their histories actually published. The program in the Office of Medical Services, though better than a year ago, still is a bottleneck. In addition to the hang-up in OMS, there may be one report in Communications, one or two in Personnel, and possibly one in Security which will not be tidied up until the end of FY 1972. (See Attachment D.)

Over-all Review of Status of Writers

3. For all practical purposes, there are presently only two full-time writers involved in the Support history program -- [] in Security and [] in Personnel. [] is writing or revising all of the Security histories, [] is preparing the Missing in Action story for Personnel. Except for [] who becomes a WAE contract employee of Personnel on 1 April 1972 and who will be available to clean up the Overview of that Office, there are no other contract authors involved in the DDS program. About a dozen individuals -- including six from OMS -- have writing responsibilities which will require at least some concentrated efforts to bring their histories to completion. (See Attachments C, D, and E.)

Problems

4. Some progress has been made on revising the history of the Planning and Construction of the Headquarters Building, but it has been slow going. Materials provided by Walter Pforzheimer [] have been added; and both

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[redacted] and the SSHO have done some additional editing. At present, however, the paper is being retyped so that it can be more carefully edited before being turned over to Colonel White.

5. The SSHO has received from the Executive Registry a considerable body of the notes and extracts from Colonel White's Diary and plans to exploit this material intensively for the overall history of the DDS. In the meantime the HS typing staff will extract that portion of the Diary now in the physical possession of the HS.

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Support Services Historical Officer

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Attachments

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